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HERE IS IVON'S REPLY TO

Mr. Richard Bernabei
Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario
Canada

My INQUIRIES REGARDING THE
IDENTITY OF THE "SNEYD" WHO
STAYED AT THE PAX HOTEL IN TORONTO,

DICK BERNABEI

Dear Mr. Bernabei:

Thank you for your letters of October 4 and 9. Regarding Thomas Beckham, he is 5' 6", born 1942, 140 lbs (approx.), black hair, ruddy complexion. He is not likely to be "London Ray". The same applies to Seymour.

It seems quite likely that the man Mrs. Thomas describes really is Ray, despite her reservations. In general, we are inclined to the view that the best thing in this case is to wait and see what happens at the trial. Unlike the Oswald case, the defendant is still alive. Admittedly the Ray case is of considerable interest, but I do not think we can become involved in it at the present time.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Ivon
LOUIS IVON
Chief Investigator

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